New runway at IGI airport, Delhi

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PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new runway at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport was opened for commercial operations recently;

(b) if so, whether the runway has been plagued with teething troubles such as snag in ILS and poor lighting systems;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to take immediate steps to remove all such snags at the new runway of IGI Airport so that passengers can enjoy congestion free landing at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) ILS & Lighting systems of the new runway are functioning properly. In fact, this runway has also been certified for Cat III B operations on 12.12.2008.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

1550.MS. MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up captive airports and heliports across the country for private use;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the objective behind this project;

(c) whether some of such helipads are proposed to be set up in Orissa, Jharkhand, etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Considering the phenomenal growth in aviation sector and to ease congestion at the major airports, Government of India have approved a new policy for greenfield airports. Further, to improve connectivity to far flung areas and industrial locations, the Government have also relaxed the procedure for approval of new airports/heliports for private use. So far, two private airports for private use have been cleared at Pernem in Goa and Mundra (Near Ahmedabad) in Gujarat.

Flights from Gulf to Kerala

1551. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: